UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION

ANTITRUST LITIGATION) MDL DOCKET NO: 3:03CV1516) Civil Docket No.: 3:04CV506
COATS AMERICAN, INC.,)
d/b/a COATS NORTH AMERICA,)
Plaintiff,)
)
vs.)
)
WELLMAN, INC., et al.,)
Defendants.)
)

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on the joint motion of Plaintiff Coats American, Incorporated ("Coats"), and Defendants Wellman, Incorporated ("Wellman"), John R. Hobson, and David Whitley for dismissal of these three Defendants with prejudice. (MDL Individual Action No.: 3:04CV506) Coats does not seek to dismiss any other claims or parties.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties' joint motion is **GRANTED**. Accordingly, Defendants Wellman, John R. Hobson, and David Whitley are all **DISMISSED WITH**PREJUDICE. Pursuant to the parties' agreement, each party is to bear its own costs.

Signed: September 2, 2005

Signed: September 28, 2005

Signed: September 29, 2005

Signed: September 29, 2005